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# Joint Public Notice

## Notice of Proposed Oregon Trail Heritage Wetland Mitigation Bank, Lane County, Oregon

**Issue Date: June 9, 2008**

**Closing Date: July 9, 2008**

**Corps File Number: NWP-2008-329**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) and the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) are considering a proposal to establish a 101-acre wetland mitigation bank. The proposed bank site is located between High Pass Road and Cory Road, west of Cox Butte, about 4 miles west of Junction City, in Lane County, Oregon (Figure 1). Bank Sponsors J.B. van Hecke, Stephanie van Hecke, Barbara Coon, and Tom Coon propose to enhance 75 acres of wetlands and 26 acres of uplands in Township 15 South, Range 5 West, Section 33. A prospectus describing the proposed bank has been received from the bank sponsors, and is now available for public review.

This wetland mitigation bank is being proposed by the bank sponsors primarily as a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for projects which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and by the DSL in implementing the provisions of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.800 - 196.990) and according to Rules for Issuance and Enforcement of Removal and Fill Permits (OAR 141-85-005 to OAR 141-85-660), and OAR 141-85-400 to OAR 141-85-445, Administrative Rules for Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Banking. The bank sponsors would sell wetland credits to various parties to meet their obligations under the "no net loss of wetlands" policies of these federal and state regulations.

The proposed bank will generate wetland credits by converting farmed wetland to emergent, shrub, and forested wetlands dominated by native plants. Existing surface ditches would be disabled or filled.

The proposed service area, which is the area within which the mitigation credits generated by the bank may be used, consists of the Upper Willamette 4<sup>th</sup> Field Hydrologic Unit 17090003 watershed (Figure 2). This service area includes the urbanizing areas of Junction City, Eugene, Veneta, Corvallis, Albany, and Lebanon, as well as smaller communities within this watershed.

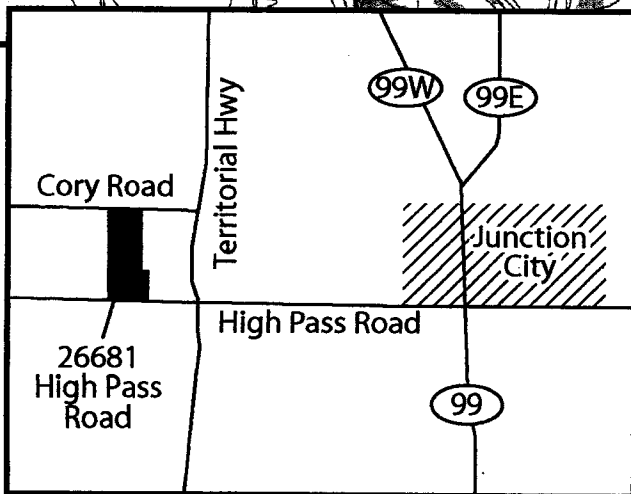
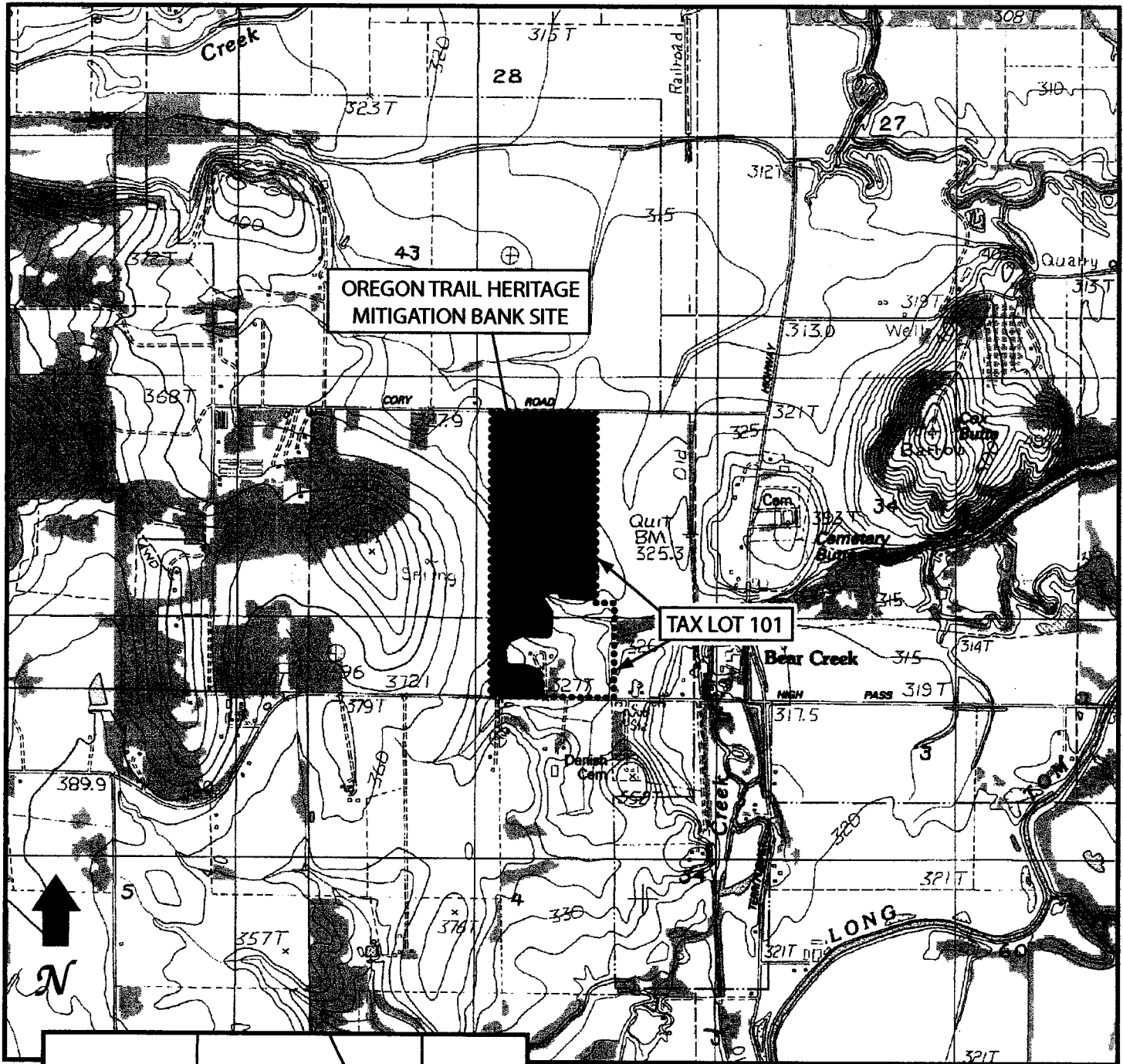
Comments received in response to this Notice will be provided to the bank sponsors and to the federal, state and local agencies represented on the Mitigation Bank Review Team. This team will work with the bank sponsors to create a detailed bank Instrument and legal agreement that will specify the ecological goals of the project, grading and planting plans, monitoring, maintenance, and the number and schedule of wetland credits to be made available when performance criteria have been met.

The prospectus, which outlines the conceptual plan for this bank, is available for inspection at the Corps and the DSL at the addresses given below. It has been posted along with Lane County Removal-Fill permit applications on the DSL website: [www.statelandsonline.com/](http://www.statelandsonline.com/). Comments on this proposed mitigation bank may be submitted to either the Corps or the DSL online or at the addresses below. Comments should be received no later than July 9, 2008.

Please provide comments to:

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**FIGURE 1: Site Location Map**

Source: Cheshire USGS Quad

Scale: 2.6" = 1 mile

Inset map = no scale

■ Oregon Trail Heritage Mitigation Bank site

..... Tax lot 101

Figure 1

